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To the Editor,
The News-Herald:

A letter by Frank J. Sacher (12-1) is a reflection of the misinformation published daily by the American press.

He says that "The government and the people of South Viet Nam have been attacked and we as a nation have a moral obligation to assist them." The government of so-called "South Viet Nam" is really an American puppet government created in violation of the 1954 Geneva agreement. The CIA, not the Vietnamese people, put Ngo Dinh Diem in power, and Diem promptly obliged by repudiating the reunification election scheduled for July, 1956. Eisenhower said that if the elections had been permitted, Ho Chi Minh would have received 80 per cent of the votes.

As for the statement that "almost a million people left the Communist north to seek freedom — "This interpretation is unwarranted. The southbound migrants were largely Catholics, a by-product of French rule, members of a minority religion. They went south to the French zone to rejoin their own milieu.

Unfortunately one of the few books that many Americans have read about Southeast Asia, is Tom Dooley's "Deliver Us from Evil." This mixture of bad history and rabid anti-communism has been swallowed whole by credulous readers and is part of the reservoir of ignorance that prevents the American people from putting a stop to the horrendous crimes being committed in Viet Nam, in our name.

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